

MINUTES

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

**Tuesday, October 6, 2009
7:00 p.m.**

**China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina**

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Bringle called the meeting of October 6, 2009 to order. Mayor Bringle called roll. All council members were present, there was a quorum. The meeting started at 7:00 pm at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to adopt the agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Council on October 6, 2009 with an addition under New Business II) Recycling Options and III) Acknowledgement of Fire Department Grant from Wal-Mart and IV) Consider reviewing minutes from each boards' meetings and Other Business I) Closed Session – Personnel Matters. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mr. Overcash made a motion to adopt the September 1, 2009 regular meeting minutes. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle thanked the Board of Trade and Chamber of Commerce for hosting the Candidate Forum. He acknowledged Mr. Upright, Mr. Seaford and Mr. Bivens and thanked them for their comments. He also thanked the media that covered this event.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Mr. Jim Whitley –

Mr. Whitley thanked the council for their time and dedication for serving the town. He stated that he may be out of line with making this request because he does not understand this procedure. He stated that he spoke with Ms. Jackson concerning moving his business. He stated that Ms. Jackson told him he would need a conditional use permit. He stated that he wasn't aware that Hwy 29 needed a conditional use permit. He stated that he understood after Ms. Jackson explained it. He stated that his license expires this month and it normally takes about two weeks to get his license renewed. He had planned to move to Hwy 29 but did not know that there was a problem with changing the zoning. He asked the council to help with this. He stated that Ms. Jackson stated that there is a \$500 fee involved in this process and he

is moving due to economical reasons. He asked the board to consider waiving this fee and allowing Mr. Whitley to pay a zoning permit. He stated that he has plans to clean all of North Main Street and selling this property. He stated that he can accept if they do not grant this request; however, he will have to stay at this location. He stated it would really help him to move to Hwy 29 and would thank the council for any consideration at this time.

Mayor Bringle asked Mr. Whitley to set up a time to meet with Mr. Pless and Ms. Jackson. He stated that he did not receive a copy of the email that Mr. Pless provided him with due to a misspelling of his email address.

Ms. Amanda Glenn – 120 Elizabeth Street

Ms. Glenn stated that she moved here in February. She stated that her water bill has escalated over the past year and it now at \$450. She has had plumbers out and has had everything checked out. She stated that she has three people living in their home. She stated that she does have a swimming pool but has not had to completely fill the pool. She stated that she received her bill and it was \$450 for almost 30,000 gallons. She stated that she has contacted the water department and they have checked it and sent her a paper that showed the read out.

Mayor Bringle stated that this does seem very high. He asked her to set up a time with Mr. Pless to review the problem.

Mr. Pless stated that the location has a fairly new meter and the print out has been given.

PUBLIC HEARING

- I) Proposed Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (Chapter 9, Development Review Process)

Ms. Jackson reviewed the staff report given within the packet. She stated that this will make the chapter more user-friendly. She stated this will show a simple flow chart of the procedures needed for each process. She stated that this would also include two additional members to the TRC.

Mayor Bringle asked for examples to clarify. Ms. Jackson stated that this applies to commercial subdivision development. She stated that there was a request to have a Planning Board member among the members of the TRC along with a Town Council member.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to approve the Proposed Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (Chapter 9, Development Review Process). Mr. Bivens seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1 with Mr. Welter casting the opposing vote.

Mayor Bringle added that there were corrections that needed to be made to reflect the gender on several pages as noted.

II) Proposed Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (Section 8.8, Street Design Standards)

Ms. Jackson reviewed the Staff Report given within the packet. She stated that these changes needed to move the section into a more appropriate location. She stated that no wording will be changed.

Mayor Bringle opened the Public Hearing.

There were no comments.

Mayor Bringle closed the Public Hearing.

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the Proposed Amendment to the Unified Development Ordinance (Section 8.8, Street Design Standards). Mr. Overcash seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Motion to approve appointment of Dr. Spalding to Rowan Works Board

Mr. Withers made a motion to approve the appointment of Dr. Spalding to the Roan Works Board to fill both the unexpired term through December 31, 2009 and the new term, beginning January 1, 2010 and ending December 31, 2013. Mr. Lyseski seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Recycling Options

Mayor Bringle stated that the Town needs to consider recycling options. He stated that the cost of the program when it was ended was around \$90,000 and only had less than 25% participation. He stated that Spencer uses barrels to allow citizens to dump recycling products at no cost. He stated that it was orderly and clean. He stated that Mr. Pless needs to review this item and provide information to the council for recycling options. He stated that Public Works will collect around 15-25 televisions and this will also be a collection that will be discontinued in the future.

Mr. Welter stated that when this becomes profitable, there will be someone that will dump this for us.

III) Acknowledgement of Fire Department Grant

Mr. Gledhill stated that he applied for a Grant for funds and was awarded this grant of \$1,000.

IV) Consideration to review minutes from other town meetings

Mr. Welter made the motion to review the meeting minutes. Mr. Bivens seconded the motion and asked to receive a calendar of meetings for each month. The motion carried unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS

Mayor Bringle thanked Public Works for repairing a portion of the sidewalk on Vance and Main Street. He also thanked them for doing the restriping. He asked Mr. Ketner to update the council on the previous request of repairing the handrail on Main Street.

Mr. Ketner stated that he believed there could be some liability with reinstalling the handrail but will do whatever the council requests of him concerning the rail.

He asked Mr. Ketner to review the liability with Mr. Brooke.

Mayor Bringle stated that leaf collection is now on the call-in basis. He asked that this be advertised in the Salisbury Post if it has not already been.

Mayor Bringle stated that Mrs. Shirley Morton of the appearance committee stated that the Town of China Grove is designated as the group to clean this area along Porky's and the old ice plant. He stated that they would like to have some volunteers to help collect debris along the two mile stretch. He asked that anyone who is interested to be in contact with Mrs. Morton.

OTHER BUSINESS

I) Postpone November Monthly Meeting until November 10, 2009

Mr. Lyseski made a motion to postpone the November Monthly Meeting until November 10, 2009. Mr. Withers seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Mayor Bringle asked that the Planning Board make a recommendation to the TRC and bring it back to the next meeting. He made a recommendation to appoint Mr. Lee Withers to the TRC as the council member per the new change.

Mayor Bringle stated that they are moving along with the sidewalk process. He stated that they are waiting on final approval from the State for the sidewalk project to start.

Mr. Pless stated that the final approval should be given this month and the project should be started within the next month.

II) Closed Session

Mayor Bringle asked the audience to dismiss for Closed Session. He stated that the meeting will reconvene after Closed Session.

Mr. Withers made a motion to go into Closed Session for personnel issues. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

There was no action taken within the Closed Session.

ADJOURN

Mr. Withers made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Welter seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Amanda A. Eller, Town Clerk

Donald E. Bringle, Mayor